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Charges Dropped In Cafe Shooting Of Gen. Wyman's Son

A charge of assault with a dangerous weapon brought against a Washington restaurant man in the shooting of a general's son on November 3 was dropped this morning in Municipal Court.

The charge had been brought against Michael Lee, janitor and former co-owner of the Sand Bar Restaurant, 1123 Fourteenth street N.W., following the early-morning shooting of Willard G. Wyman, jr., 21, former West Point cadet, in the doorway of the establishment.

Victim's Statement.

Assistant United States Attorney John B. Diamond nolle prossed the assault charge after he received the following statement from young Wyman:

"I don't want to prosecute the defendant because I feel I provoked the incident and it was entirely accidental."

Was Seeking Girl.

Mr. Wyman told police he went to the restaurant after an unsuccessful attempt to telephone a girl there, and that he was shot as he walked in the door.

Mr. Lee's version was that he fired after Mr. Wyman came into the restaurant, walked behind the bar and ripped Mr. Lee's shirt. Mr. Wyman is the son of Lt. Gen. Willard G. Wyman, who was in Europe at the time of the shooting.

General's Son Won't Testify In Shooting

Willard G. Wyman, jr., son of Army Lieut. Gen. Willard G. Wyman, yesterday refused to prosecute a 40-year-old restaurant worker he had accused of shooting him in the stomach.

As a result, Assistant United States Attorney John B. Diamond 3d, nolle prossed a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against Michael Maxwell Lee, an employee of the Sand Bar Restaurant at 1123 14th st. nw.

"I don't want to prosecute the defendant because I feel I provoked the incident," young Wyman wrote on the warrant paper, "and it was entirely accidental." Then he signed the statement.

Police said Wyman first told them he went to the restaurant to see a waitress named Martha, after a telephone argument with Lee. He said Lee shot him as he entered the restaurant.

Lee, on the other hand, said Wyman and another man attacked him and he fired two shots because he thought they were trying to rob him, according to police.

Wyman, who lives at 2638 Garfield st. nw., could not be reached for comment. His father is NATO commander for South-eastern Europe.

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